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The drawback to publishing a newszine is that not all news is good. We have some deaths to report:

Otto Binder's 14-year-old daughter was struck and killed by a car, Gary Brown reports. Gary and Wayne DeWald also report, in Comic Comments #1, that Jim King, who worked with Darrill Rothermich on The Comic Reader, died over Christmas vacation. And Jon Wolf writes of the death of Marti Beck, 18, an Academy member since 1963 and a frequent letter writer and fan-artist. Marti was one of eight students killed in a dormitory fire at Cornell Apr. 5. She was enrolled in a six-year Ph.D. program in astrophysics. Retired Chicago Tribune political cartoonist Carey Orr, 77, died May 16. Orr won the Pulitzer Prize in 1961 for a cartoon showing a tiger (labeled "Communism") offering a ride to emerging African nations.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Mike Barrier,	Little Rock, Ark. 72207
Gary Brown,	Hialeah, Fla. 33012
Glen Johnson,	Brigham City, Utah 84302
Jeff Jones,	New York, N.Y. 10023
Fred Patten,	Santa Ana, Calif. 92707
Paul Snyder,	Imperial, Penna. 15126
Eliot Wagner,	Jamaica, N.Y. 11435
Kim Weston,	Hyattsville, Md. 20781 (effective June) /Kim, why don't you rent a P.O. box?/

PEOPLE: Fred Patten's address change was predicated by a complete change of job. He now works for Xerox Professional Library Service, processing books for school and college libraries. George Metzger is back in the Army, briefly, minus hair, processing people (Patten's a piker) for shipment to Vietnam and such places. No address change, since he'll be back in civvies about the time this appears. Those who dug his psychedelic pat-rip ["Master Tyme and Mobius Tripp"] in Fantasy Illustrated be advised: more Metzger work is upcoming in Star-Studded Comics. John Benson, publisher of comicpro Talk and prime mover of the 1966 New York Comicon, married Friedel Benso Mar. 12. Bob Greene, of Datelines: Comicdom, had his appendix removed in early April (remember, you read the inside story on Bob Greene here first). Another hospital case was Biljo White (Batmania) who spent five days in one when he had a torn knee cartilage removed recently. CAPA-alpha member Dan Alderson (Harsh!) is ill with diabetes, which explains his recent inactivity. He's improving as he learns how to use the needle less painfully.

THE BELOVED POST OFFICE upped rates on overseas mail May 1. It now costs 25¢ for the first half-ounce for foreign airmail. Airletters cost 11¢ instead of 11¢. Congressmen (who don't pay postage themselves) plan to increase postage on all classes of mail, including that fannish necessity, third-class mail. Turn the PO over to private enterprise.

THE AUSTRALIAN POST OFFICE has decided, like the U.S.P.O., that it's easier to teach a whole country a system of numbers than to teach civil servants geography. The Zip Code has gone Down Under, reports Gary Mason. His Zip is 2086. John Ryan's is 2165.

THE CHICAGO SCENE, as reported by Bill Plaschek, seems a bit bleak. Alex Almarez is semi-retired from fanac with time for considerable correspondence. Ross Knight is a private in Korea. John Guslowski, Kelly Reichart and Helmut Mueller are in college. Still in the Windy City are Bill, Rick Hauser, Bob Hoge, Eddie Haverstic. Bill also says "Billy Martin is trying hard to set up a new chapter of the Cordwainers of Chicago with a lot of the younger and more avid collectors." But he doesn't give Martin's address.

CONVENTIONS:

Los Angeles will have a comics "sub-convention" as a smaller part of the West Coast Science-Fantasy Conference on July 4 weekend (see Petson).

NYcon 3 ($3 attending, $2 non-attending, $1 overseas to 25th World Science Fiction Convention, PO Box 367, Oracle Square Station, NY, NY 10028) will be a fruitful meeting ground for comics fans, too, though it is not centered on comics. Labor Day weekend.

Jerry Pascovsky, , Houston, Tex. 77021, is chairman of the Houston Comic Convention, planned for June 16-18.

Shel Dorf, Detroit, Mich. 48221, will supply information on this summer's Detroit Triple Fan Fair.

Robert Schoenfeld, St. Louis, Mo. 63114, is working on the Gateway Con II for the last weekend in July ($2.50 per).

The Academy Con (declared official by Dave Kaler) is scheduled for July 14-16 at City Squire Motor Inn (site of last year's). Send checks or money orders to Mark Hanerfeld, Flushing, N.Y. 11350. Cost is $3 to 1967 supporting members of the Academy (remember the Academy?) and $4 to others. Didn't specify this one is in New York City, but you knew that, didn't you?

FANZINE REVIEWS by the masculine half of the editorship of Newfangles will not be appearing in a certain well-known comics fanzine, nameless here. Seems the editor wanted us to say nothing bad about anything, something good about everything in every issue reviewed, and give extra high ratings to bulky fanzines (since consideration of quality is ruled out, quantity seems the only yardstick left, after all). In rejecting the position, we suggested he use the time-honored stair method -- throw fanzines down the stairs and give the highest ratings to those heavy enough to reach bottom. Now, is everyone out there as thin-skinned as the Nameless Editor thinks, or is there someone who'd like a short but honest review of his work? If you're only interested in hypocritical platitudes, forget it, but if you want someone to tell you truthfully what he thinks of your fanzine, send a review copy to Newfangles.

REGRETTABLY, space does not permit a full report on the recent birthday of Elder Fan Richard Kyle. His account of the historic occasion would make Newfangles a two-sheet fanzine. We only just started and aren't about to pitch our whole format out the window with the second issue, not even for the aging Mr. Kyle. However, the above-mentioned male half of the editorship has been working for a Big City newspaper for going on seven years (eight months as a copy editor) and has developed the ability to condense from this two-page report the essence of this vital news story and we present it, in capsulized form: Richard Kyle is 30.

Next issue, maybe, news about the new, 1967 model Thompson. We hope.

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